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The American College of Epidemiology was incorporated in 1979 to develop criteria for professional recognition of epidemiologists and to address their professional concerns.

ACE serves the interests of its members through sponsorship of scientific meetings, publications, and educational activities, recognizing outstanding contributions to the field and advocating for issues pertinent to epidemiology.



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## Message from the American College of Epidemiology President, **Annette Adams, PhD, MPH, FACE, FASBMR**

### Hello ACE Colleagues,

As I enter the last quarter of my term as ACE president, and as the 2025 Annual Meeting in Pasadena draws nearer, I have been thinking about how far we have traveled since the close of our Annual Meeting last year. Last year's Annual Meeting was our first fully in-person meeting since before the pandemic and the energy was palpably electric. As of the end of that exciting meeting, I doubt any of us imagined the monumental and unprecedented changes to our public health and scientific environments that have occurred since. I certainly didn't anticipate that my presidency would be dominated by helping to navigate ACE through such tumultuous times.

I say "helping" to navigate because leading an organization like ACE is clearly a team sport (as is public health, 😊) and cannot be managed single-handedly. So, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Board of Directors and Executive Committee members for their constant engagement, their input and guidance, and their support of my efforts on behalf of our organization and our members. I am profoundly grateful for each of them and their individual and collective service to the College. I am also tremendously appreciative of the efforts of all committee leaders this year. They have all stepped up and taken to heart the charge to reinvigorate their committees. Committee leaders and members do much of the heavy lifting necessary to keep the organization running and provide service to our members and our profession. They are essential to the College's forward movement and pursuit of ACE's mission.

This year's Program Planning Committee has also been doing a tremendous amount of work putting together a great program for the Annual Meeting in September. The speakers and panelists will be addressing timely topics of concern to all epidemiologists. Most importantly, the meeting in Pasadena in September will be an opportunity for us to gather in person, greet long-standing colleagues, make new connections, support each other, and be reminded that we are not alone in these crazy times where our work, our service to our communities, and for some, even our identities as scientists devoted to improving the lives of those around the world are all coming under attack in both obvious and insidious ways. But we are not alone. We have each other. And I encourage all of you who are able to travel to join us in Pasadena, Sept 7-10.

I look forward to the chance to meet more members of the College, hear ideas about how we can better support you, and to make new connections. After all, serving each other, our communities, and our profession is why both ACE leadership and members-at-large do what we do. To borrow the motto of the US Air Force Pararescue units: "These things we do, so that others may live."

Please join us in Pasadena. I cannot wait to see you all again in person this fall.

Warmly,

*Annette*



## SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM MENTORING AVAILABLE

The ACE Professional Development Committee (PDC) provides a matching service to all ACE members seeking to give or receive mentoring. More than a dozen ACE Members and Fellows are available to work with you on a focused, short-term goal or on an on-going basis. This service is available to anyone in good standing with ACE, no matter the membership level. To the extent possible, the PDC will facilitate matches based on the preferences of the person seeking mentoring, including factors such as location and research specialty.

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([office@acepidmiology.com](mailto:office@acepidmiology.com)) or the chair or vice-chair of the PDC (Sandra Sulsky, [ssulsky45@gmail.com](mailto:ssulsky45@gmail.com) or Tamara Chavez-Lindell, [tamara.chavez-lindell@tn.gov](mailto:tamara.chavez-lindell@tn.gov)) to arrange a match.

## ACE EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE UPDATE



**Sophia I. Allen, Ph.D., M.B.A.  
(Chair)**

The Equity and Inclusion Committee (EIC) of the American College of Epidemiology (ACE) is seeking a volunteer to fill the role as Vice Chair. The role is responsible for assisting the EIC Chair with the planning and execution of all EIC related tasks.

The term of the Vice Chair is three years. Feel free to reach out to me for more details if you are interested.

We are currently planning the EIC workshop for the ACE Annual Meeting and welcome you to join the monthly meetings that are scheduled virtually for the second Friday of every month from 3-4pm (Eastern). Feel free to reach out to me with any questions/suggestions at [lexaccrd@gmail.com](mailto:lexaccrd@gmail.com).

**Wishing you all a wonderful summer!**

## MEET ACE'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**My name is Karen Wendling**, and I joined Capitol Hill Management Services (CHMS) as an Association Manager in November 2024. Having been a CHMS client from 2016 to 2018, the transition into this role felt both familiar and exciting. In January 2025, I was honored to step into the position of Executive Director for the American College of Epidemiology (ACE).

With a background in leadership, organizational development, team building, and strategic management, my professional journey has been shaped by both formal roles and early hands-on experience. Many of those foundational skills were developed while working in my family's grocery stores—an environment that, at the time, seemed routine but ultimately instilled a strong work ethic and deep respect for customer relationships.

I earned a Bachelor of Science in Communications with a Minor in Business Administration from the State University of New York at New Paltz. Home is Troy, NY, where life is happily shared with my husband, our two sons, and a much-loved rescue dog.

# TRAINING TOMORROW'S EPIDEMIOLOGISTS?

## ACE MEMBER OFFERS NEW PILOT COURSE ON THE USE OF GENAI IN DESIGNING CLINICAL AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RESEARCH.

Edwin van Wijngaarden

As generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) transforms the research landscape, investigators are increasingly exploring how to integrate these tools into their practice. To support this emerging need, the University of Rochester has launched a new course—PM 453: GenAI in Clinical and Epidemiological Research Design—offered in Summer 2025 and co-directed by Dr. Edwin van Wijngaarden (ACE Membership Committee member) and Dr. Christopher Seplaki, both faculty in the Department of Public Health Sciences. This 1-credit online course introduces students to the use of GenAI in formulating research questions, conducting literature reviews, and designing robust clinical and epidemiological studies. The course aims to cultivate critical literacy around GenAI by helping students understand core AI concepts, ethical considerations, and health equity implications, while emphasizing rigorous scientific standards and responsible use. Students engage in activities such as prompt engineering, research design development, and

statistical planning using a variety of GenAI tools. The course is structured into three modules: "Foundations of GenAI," "Foundations of Epidemiologic Research Design," and "Application of GenAI in Designing Studies." Topics range from safety and bias in AI systems and prompt engineering basics to developing PECO-based hypotheses and generating analysis plans. Through recorded lectures, readings, interactive assignments, and reflection journals, students learn to evaluate GenAI outputs, address their limitations, and integrate them thoughtfully into the research planning process. This course meets a growing demand for training at the intersection of GenAI and population health research, preparing the next generation of epidemiologists to use GenAI with competence, creativity, and caution.

**Acknowledgement:** A draft of this article was created with the assistance of OpenAI's public ChatGPT using the course syllabus as the source material.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE



Philip Lupo, PhD, MPH and Michael Scheurer, PhD, MPH, FACE

Philip Lupo, PhD, MPH and Michael Scheurer, PhD, MPH, FACE recently joined the faculty in the Department of Pediatrics in the School of Medicine at Emory University. Emory and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta have launched the Research and Epidemiology for Adolescent and Child Health (**REACH**) Center, which is co-directed by Drs. Lupo and Scheurer. **REACH** is designed to serve as a leading hub for child-focused and population-based research and aims to advance collaborative research initiatives to improve pediatric health outcomes.

The Center also prioritizes education by training clinicians and scientists in pediatric epidemiology and population-health research while disseminating findings to healthcare professionals and researchers worldwide. <https://pedsresearch.org/centers/reach>

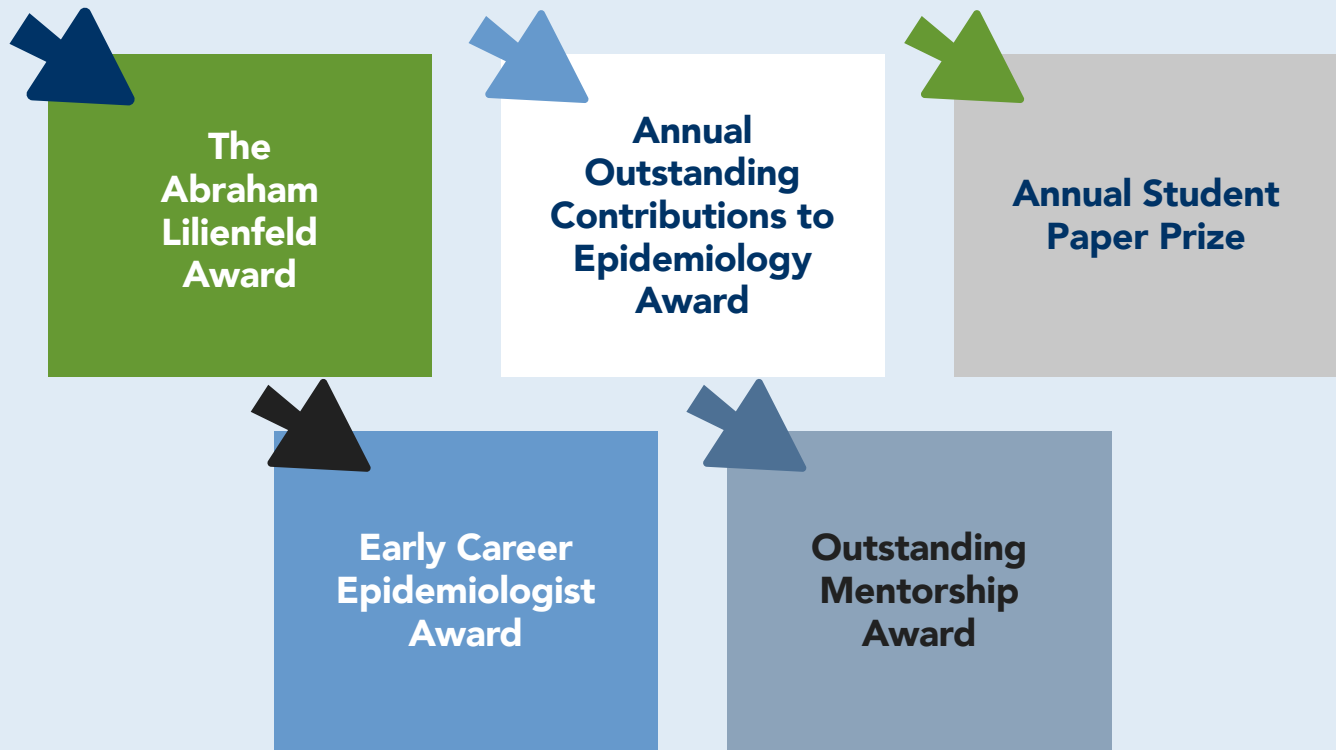
Drs. Lupo and Scheurer serve on the Membership Committee within ACE, and Dr. Lupo also serves on the Nominating Committee.



**REACH** is designed to serve as a leading hub for child-focused and population-based research and aims to advance collaborative research initiatives to improve pediatric health outcomes.

## 2025 ACE AWARDS

The ACE Awards Committee shall select recipients for the following professional awards issued by the College:



### Required Documentation:

**Letter of Nomination** (addressing requirements of the award)

**Letters of Support** (up to two)

**Candidates' Curriculum Vitae or Professional Biography**

**Any additional information that supports the nomination**

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American College of Epidemiology  
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**Applications for the 2025 Awards**  
**will be accepted through July 31, 2025**  
**at 5:00 pm (ET)**

## ACE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS HIGHLIGHT



### **Prathiba Annam, PharmD, MPH**

Dr. Annam is a Clinical Research Coordinator at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Heersink School of Medicine in Birmingham, Alabama. From the pharmacy to the frontlines of public health and epidemiology, she has led clinical trials, analyzed complex data, and navigated IRBs with ease. With hands-on expertise in SAS, SPSS, R, Python, EPIC, Tableau, and NVIVO, Dr. Annam blends science with strategy to uncover insights that matter. Her focus stays sharp in driving research that bridges health gaps and uplifts communities. Dr. Annam's fields of expertise include Public Health, Epidemiology, Pharmacology, Pharmacotherapeutics, Pharmacoepidemiology and Preventive Medicine.

**Interest in Serving as a Reviewer: Yes**



### **Endia (Santee) Crabtree, PhD, FACE, CDP, BCMAS**

Dr. Crabtree is a Principal Clinical Product Risk Scientist at Boston Scientific, Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology, Board Certified Medical Affairs Specialist, and Advisory Board Member at MedtechWOMEN.

Dr. Crabtree leads the comprehensive evaluation of clinical benefits, risks, and performance profiles for Class II-III medical technologies. She significantly contributes as a subject matter expert (SME) to the development of high-impact deliverables, such as Clinical Evaluation Reports (CERs) and Post-Market Clinical Follow-up (PMCF) reports, Instructions for Use (IFUs), Periodic Safety Update Reports (PSURs), and Summaries of Safety and Clinical Performance (SSCPs).

Dr. Crabtree earned a Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati, an M.L.A. from Johns Hopkins University, and both an M.S. and B.A. from the University of Michigan-Flint. She completed postdoctoral fellowships in cancer survivorship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the University of Cincinnati Cancer Institute. Additionally, she earned continuing education course certificates in epidemiology from the University of Washington School of Public Health, The Ohio State University College of Public Health, and The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

**Interest in Serving as a Reviewer: Yes**



### **Tuan D. Le, MD, MPH, DrPH**

Dr. Le is a former clinical physician (MD) with a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) in Clinical Research and Biostatistics, currently serving as an Associate Professor at the University of Texas (UT) Tyler School of Medicine and a Senior Research Scientist. With over 20 years of experience, he has

led multidisciplinary research in combat casualty care, transfusion and hemorrhagic shock resuscitation, trauma outcomes, coagulopathy, and infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS. Dr. Le serves as principal investigator on multiple funded projects and was project director for the HRSA-funded Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Implementation IV, and the Strengthening and Expanding Access to Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and other Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services project. His research applies advanced biostatistical methods and AI/machine learning to improve clinical outcomes for civilian, military, and veteran populations, with first-author publications in NEJM, JAMA Internal Medicine, JAMA Surgery, CID, and Annals of Surgery. Dr. Le's academic and research appointments at institutions including the UT Long School of Medicine, South Texas VA Health Care System, and the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research have equipped him to lead high-impact, data-driven medical research initiatives.

Dr. Le also serves as editorial board and reviewer for several journals such as JAMA Network, Frontiers in Medicine, Frontiers in Pharmacology, Frontiers in Immunology, Recent Clinical Trials, Military Medical Research, BMC Public Health, Military Health System Research Symposium, Scientific Reports.

**Interest in Serving as a Reviewer: Yes**

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## ACE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS HIGHLIGHT



### Wato Nsa, MD, PhD

Dr. Nsa is a physician, an epidemiologist, and a biostatistician, currently working as Assistant Professor at the Department of Medical Informatics, School of Community Medicine, The University of Oklahoma Tulsa Campus. Prior to joining the University, Dr. Nsa was the Director of Analytics at Oklahoma Foundation for

Medical Quality (OFMQ), a contractor for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Earlier in his career, as a resident in Pediatrics in DRC, Dr. Nsa was recruited by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to work on the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa. He was among the pioneers in HIV/AIDS research during the early years of the epidemic in Africa, particularly in the area of mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

Throughout his career, Dr. Nsa's areas of interest have been HIV/AIDS research, the development of clinical quality performance measures, the monitoring and evaluation of national quality improvement programs for CMS, epidemiologic study design, and statistical analysis.

Dr. Nsa earned his undergraduate degree in Biomedical Sciences and his MD at the University of Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), formerly known as Zaire. He completed his clinical residency in Pediatrics at Mama Yemo Hospital in Kinshasa, DRC. He later moved to the United States to pursue his education and earned a master's degree in Public Health and a PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Nsa has co-authored over thirty scientific publications in peer-reviewed medical journals and numerous abstracts in collaboration with clinical scientists from academic institutions and healthcare organizations. His contribution to science is described below.



### Alberto Paniz-Mondolfi, MD, PhD

Dr. Paniz-Mondolfi, a specialist in medical microbiology and tropical infectious diseases, currently serves as the Director of Molecular Microbiology at Mount Sinai Hospital and is an Associate Professor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

His career spans leadership roles in infectious disease divisions and pathology laboratories, with a distinguished record of contributions to the study of endemic and emerging infectious diseases and molecular epidemiology.

With an extensive academic portfolio of over 230 peer-reviewed publications in esteemed journals such as The New England Journal of Medicine, The Lancet, and Science, Dr. Paniz-Mondolfi has played a pivotal role in advancing the global understanding of infectious diseases. His research has significantly shaped the field, reinforcing his reputation as a leading expert in molecular microbiology and pathogen discovery.

## Advancing Epidemiology in a Changing Landscape



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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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### **Michelle A. Williams, ScD**

**Professor of Epidemiology and  
Population Health, Stanford  
University School of Medicine**

**Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology,  
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public  
Health**

**Former Dean of the Faculty, Harvard  
T.H. Chan School of Public Health**

Dr. Michelle A. Williams stands as one of the most influential epidemiologists of her generation, combining rigorous scientific research with transformative academic leadership to advance global public health. Currently serving as Professor of Epidemiology and Population Health at Stanford University's School of Medicine, she brings a unique interdisciplinary perspective shaped by her background in biology, engineering, and epidemiology.

Dr. Williams' distinguished career includes her tenure as Dean of the Faculty at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, where she provided strategic leadership for one of the leading schools of public health. Prior to this role, she served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Epidemiology at Harvard Chan School and led the Population Health and Health Disparities Research Programs at Harvard's Clinical and Translational Sciences Center. Her earlier academic foundation was established during her distinguished career at the University of Washington School of Public Health.

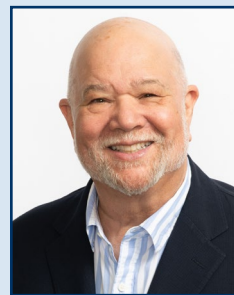
Her research portfolio, encompassing more than 560 scientific publications, focuses on reproductive, perinatal, pediatric, and molecular epidemiology with particular emphasis on addressing health disparities. This work has positioned her as a leading voice in understanding how social determinants and biological factors intersect to influence population health outcomes.

Dr. Williams' contributions to science and education have earned her election to the National Academy of Medicine in 2016, marking her as one of the most respected voices in her field. Her commitment to mentoring the next generation of public health leaders has been recognized through numerous prestigious awards, including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring from the White House in 2012, Harvard Chan School's

Outstanding Mentor Award in 2015, and the University of Washington's Brotman Award for excellence in teaching in 2007. The American Public Health Association honored her educational impact with the Abraham Lilienfeld Award for education in epidemiology in 2007.

Her influence extends beyond academic circles, as evidenced by her recognition with the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2020 and her inclusion among PR Week's top 50 health influencers that same year. These honors reflect her ability to translate complex epidemiological research into actionable insights that inform public policy and practice.

Dr. Williams maintains active membership in several prestigious professional organizations, including the National Academy of Medicine, the Society for Epidemiologic Research, and the American Epidemiological Society. Her academic credentials include an undergraduate degree in biology and genetics from Princeton University, a master's degree in civil engineering from Tufts University, and both master's and doctoral degrees in epidemiology from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.



### **Dr. Alonzo L. Plough**

**Chief Science Officer and Vice  
President**

Dr. Alonzo Plough joined the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as chief science officer and vice president, Research-Evaluation-Learning in January 2014. He is responsible for aligning all of the Foundation's work

with the best evidence from research and practice and incorporating program evaluations into organizational learning. He also oversees the two grantmaking portfolios focused on innovation and emerging issues: Ideas for an Equitable Future and Global Ideas for U.S. solutions.

Plough has been a national leader in public health practice for over 25 years. He came to the Foundation from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, where he served as director of emergency preparedness and response from 2009–2013. In that role, he was responsible for the leadership and management of activities protecting the 10 million residents of Los Angeles County from natural disasters and threats related to disease outbreaks and other public health emergencies. He coordinated activities in emergency operations,

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infectious disease control, risk communication, planning, and community engagement.

Prior to this position, Plough served as vice president of strategy, planning and evaluation for The California Endowment from 2005–2009. Before this, he served 10 years as director and health officer for the Seattle and King County Department of Public Health and previously served as director of public health in Boston for eight years.

Plough earned his PhD and MA at Cornell University, and his MPH at Yale University School of Medicine's Department of Epidemiology and Public Health. He has held academic appointments at Harvard University School of Public Health, Tufts University Department of Community Medicine, and Boston University School of Management. He is currently clinical professor of health services at the University of Washington School of Public Health in Seattle. He has been the recipient of numerous awards for public service and leadership and is the author of an extensive body of scholarly articles, books, and book chapters.

Plough lives in Princeton and Los Angeles and is married with two adult sons and two granddaughters. He is a jazz guitarist and vocalist.

injury and injury prevention. He has contributed to landmark studies and global initiatives aimed at reducing injury-related deaths, especially among children and adolescents. Dr. Rivara has received numerous honors including the Charles C. Shepard Science Award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Public Health Association Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Section Distinguished Career Award, the American Academy of Pediatrics, Section on Injury and Poison Prevention, Physician Achievement Award, the UW School of Public Health Distinguished Alumni Award, delivered the William T Fitts, Jr Lecture in Trauma in 2009. Rivara was elected to the Institute of Medicine (now National Academy of Medicine) in 2005. He was awarded the Joseph St. Geme, Jr Leadership award from the Federation of Pediatric Organizations in 2021 and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 2025. During his long career, Dr Rivara has made mentoring of trainees and junior faculty a core part of his activities. He has mentored individuals from a wide variety of disciplines including pediatrics, surgery, social work, nursing, psychiatry, psychology, rehab medicine and other disciplines and directs a fellowship program on pediatric injury research.

## ENDOWED LECTURE



**Frederick P. Rivara  
MD, MPH**

Seattle Children's Guild Association Endowed Chair in Pediatric Research, Vice chair and Professor of Pediatrics and Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Washington.

Frederick P. Rivara MD, MPH is the holder of the Seattle Children's Guild Association Endowed Chair in Pediatric Research, Vice chair and Professor of Pediatrics and Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Washington. He is a 1974 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Dr. Rivara was founding editor-in-chief of JAMA Network Open 2018-2024 following 17 years as Editor in Chief of JAMA Pediatrics. He served as founding director of the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center in Seattle and has devoted his career to studying

## INTERNATIONAL SESSION SPEAKER



**Tom Frieden, MD, MPH**

**President and CEO,  
Resolve to Save Lives**

Dr. Frieden has led and succeeded in the fight against health threats in the United States and around the world. He is a physician trained in internal medicine, infectious diseases, public health, and epidemiology, former director of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and former commissioner of the New York City Health Department. Dr. Frieden is currently President and CEO of Resolve to Save Lives.

Dr. Frieden began his public health career in New York City leading efforts to document and end the largest outbreak of multidrug resistant tuberculosis ever to occur in the United States. He then worked in India supporting



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the government to scale up a program for effective tuberculosis diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring that saved millions of lives. Asked to return to New York City to become Mayor Mike Bloomberg's Health Commissioner, he directed efforts that reduced smoking and other leading causes of death and increased life expectancy by 3 years. As Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Frieden helped end the 2014 West Africa Ebola epidemic and oversaw the agency's responses to H1N1 influenza, Zika, and more.

Dr. Frieden founded Resolve to Save Lives in 2017 to partner with countries to address the world's deadliest health threats, including cardiovascular disease and epidemics. In the organization's first 8 years, these efforts have supported actions that will prevent 9 million deaths. RTSL has partnered with more than 50 countries, primarily in Africa, to find infectious disease threats faster and stop them sooner. RTSL joined with the World Health Organization to call for the global elimination of artificial trans fat. More than 50 countries, accounting for more than half of the global population and nearly two thirds of the estimated global consumption of trans fat, have now taken action to become trans fat free. RTSL has also worked with more than 30 countries to improve diagnosis, treatment, and management of more than 40 million patients with high blood pressure, which is the world's leading single cause of death.

Dr. Frieden has been awarded honorary doctorate degrees by New York University, Tufts University, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Oglethorpe University, and Oberlin College. He has received dozens of prestigious awards including the Julius B. Richmond Award from Harvard University, Time Magazine 100 most influential people, New York 1's New Yorker of the Year, and is a member of the National Academy of Medicine. Since 2017, he has served as a member of the Independent Monitoring Board for global polio eradication.

Dr. Frieden has written more than 300 scientific articles and more than 100 essays. He appears frequently on television and radio and in print media to identify risks and solutions to emerging health threats, assess progress with the control of disease, and provide leadership on a range of health, health care, and public health topics.

His book, [The Formula for Better Health: How to Save Millions of Lives](#) — Including Your Own, will be released on September 30, 2025 (MIT Press). The book distills

four decades of public health leadership into a clear, actionable framework. It includes a playbook for societal health progress and hype-free advice on personal health. Proceeds will go to organizations Resolve to Save Lives supports to work for health progress around the world.

### CLIMATE CHANGE SESSION SPEAKER



**Kari Nadeau, MD, PhD,**  
Chair of the Department of  
Environmental Health at Harvard  
School of Public Health.

She practices Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology in children and adults. She has published over 400+ papers, many in the field of air pollution exposures, allergies and

asthma. For more than 30 years, she has devoted herself to understanding how environmental and epigenetic factors affect the risk of developing immune dysfunction. Her laboratory has been studying exposomics and solutions-facing research with policy oriented outcomes. She works with the WHO and UN on several projects in global health. Dr. Nadeau earned her MD/PhD from Harvard Medical School in 1995, completing her doctoral work in biochemistry and immunology, followed by a pediatric residency, and fellowship in Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Program, joined the Stanford faculty where she was the Naddisy Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics until 2022, and then joined Harvard where she is now the John Rock Professor.



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## 2025 ACE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Sunday, September 7, 2025

12:00 – 5:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>
1:30 – 5:00 pm	<b>Pre-meeting Workshops</b> <b>Implementation Science 101</b> <b>Brian Mittman, PhD, Kaiser Permanente</b>
1:30 – 5:00 pm	<b>Qualitative Science</b> <b>Corrine E. Munoz-Plaza, MPH, Kaiser Permanente &amp; Jessica Vallejo, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine</b>
1:30 – 5:00 pm	<b>Equity &amp; Inclusion Committee Workshop</b>
2:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>ACE Board of Directors Meeting</b>
6:00 -7:30 pm	<b>Welcome Reception &amp; Networking</b> <b>Professional Development Committee Mentoring Event</b>

### Monday, September 8, 2025

7:15 am - 6:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>
7:00 – 11:00 am	<b>Poster Set-Up Time</b>
7:00 - 8:15 am	<b>Breakfast</b> <b>1) Attendee, Associate Member &amp; ACE Scholars Breakfast with the ACE Board of Directors</b>
8:30 – 9:00 am	<b>ACE Annual Meeting Opening</b> <b>Call to Order by President Annette Adams, PhD, Kaiser Permanente</b>  <b>Welcome by Annual Meeting Committee Chair Melissa Bondy, PhD, Stanford University &amp; Co chair Sara Tartof, PhD, MPH, Kaiser Permanente</b>  <b>Presidential Address by Annette Adams &amp; ACE 2025 Annual Membership Meeting</b> Important Updates from the College Announcement of Future Annual Meeting Dates & Venues
9:00 – 10:00 am	<b>Opening Keynote</b> <b>Title: Future of Epidemiology</b>  <b>Michelle Williams, ScD - Professor of Epidemiology and Population Health, Stanford University School of Medicine</b>

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10:15 – 11:15 am	<b>Climate Change Session/LA Fires</b> <b>Kari Nadeau, MD, PhD</b> , Chair of the Department of Environmental Health at Harvard School of Public Health
11:00 am – 6:00 pm	<b>Poster Exhibition Open &amp; will be open throughout the meeting</b>
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Best Abstract Presentations</b>
12:30 – 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch – Grab &amp; Go</b>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<b>Detection of Emerging Infectious Diseases Threats</b> <b>Sara Tartof, PhD, MPH</b> , Kaiser Permanente
2:30 – 3:30 pm	<b>International Session - Pandemic/Epidemic Preparedness and/or International Public Health</b> <b>Tom Frieden, MD, MPH</b> , President/CEO Resolve To Save Lives
3:45 – 4:45 pm	<b>Pasadena Health Dept Session</b> Boots on the Ground/How to Move Forward/Public Hlth Practice has changed/partnerships <b>Matt Feaster</b> – Division Manager at City of Pasadena Public Health Dept. & <b>Prabhu Gounder, MD</b> - LA County Dept. of Public Health
4:45 – 6:00 pm	<b>Meet the Poster Presenters &amp; Poster Judging</b> All Poster Presenters need to be present during this period.
Evening	<b>On Your Own</b> Discover Pasadena!
6:30 - 9:00 pm	<b>ACE Annual Executive Dinner (Invitation Only)</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 9, 2025</b>	
7:00 am - 5:30 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>
7:00 – 8:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:00 – 9:30 am	<b>Title – “Politics, Ethics &amp; Science” Symposium</b> <b>Sponsored by the Ethics &amp; Policy Committee</b> <b>Igor Burstyn, PhD</b> , Drexel University & <b>David Savitz, PhD</b> , Brown University & <b>John Holmes, PhD, FACE, FACMI, FIAHSI</b> , University of Pennsylvania
9:45 – 10:45 am	<b>Keynote – Endowed Lecture</b> <b>Frederick Rivara, MD, MPH</b> - Seattle Children’s Guild Association Endowed Chair in Pediatric Research, Vice chair and Professor of Pediatrics and Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Washington
11:00 - 12:00 pm	<b>Title – How to Engage People in Retrospective Observation Studies</b> <b>Karen Coleman, PhD, MS</b> – Kaiser Permanente
12:00 – 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 - 2:30 pm	<b>The Role of Epidemiological Experts in Litigation</b> <b>William Lee, JD, MS</b> , Kershaw Talley Barlow, <b>William Kershaw, JD</b> , Kershaw Talley Barlow, <b>Vinh Le, JD</b> – Keller Rohrbach & <b>Douglas Weed, MD, MPH, PhD, FACE</b> , DLW Consulting Services, LLC

## 2025 ACE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

2:45 – 3:45 pm	<b>EpiVisionaries</b> Gathering Workshop
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<b>Past Presidents Community Discussion last Session of the day</b>
5:00 – 6:30 pm	<b>Free Time / On Own</b>
6:00 – 8:00 pm	<b>Annual Reception &amp; Social Event sponsored by the Epidemiology Foundation</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 10, 2025</b>	
7:00 – 11:00 am	<b>Registration Open</b>
8:00 – 9:00 am	<b>Keynote</b> <b>Alonzo Plough, PhD, MPH</b> , Chief Science Officer and Vice President at Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
9:00 - 10:00 am	<b>ACE Scholars Presentations</b>
10:30 – 11:30 am	<b>Predatory Publishing</b> <b>Yvonne Michael, ScD, SM</b> , Drexel University & <b>Annals of Epidemiology</b>
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<b>ACE Annual Awards Ceremony &amp; Closing Luncheon</b> Welcoming Presentation by Recipient of the Student Paper Prize Presentation of the Annual Awards & Comments by Recipients Passing of the Gavel & Closing of the Annual Meeting Ceremony
1:00 pm	<b>Conclusion of ACE Annual Meeting</b>
1:30 - 5:00 pm	<b>Annals of Epidemiology Board Meeting</b> (Invitation Only)



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